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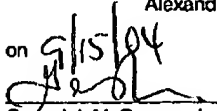
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**PATENT**

UNUS #99-0134-UNI  
CASE #F7469(V)

on 9/15/04  
  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: DeBoer et al.  
Serial No.: 09/454,774  
Filed: December 3, 1999  
For: Food Composition

Group: 1761  
Examiner: Carolyn Paden  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please consider the following amendment and remarks prior to reconsideration of this application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.